

1. Is copyright protected in Bahrain?

YES.

2. What types of works are protected as literary or artistic?

- **Books, pamphlets, articles and other writings.**
- **Computer programs, whether in source language or machine language.**
- **Works that are delivered orally, such as lectures, speeches, sermons and other similar works.**
- **Dramatic works, dramatic musical works, works of dance, works of mime and other works created to be performed.**
- **Musical works, either with or without words.**
- **Audiovisual works such as works for cinema and television.**
- **Sketches or coloured drawings, sculpture, carving and printing on stone, cloth, wood or metal, and any other similar works.**
- **Works of the applied arts.**
- **Works of photography and similar works.**
- **Illustrations, geographical maps, plans and designs (sketches), three-dimensional works relative to geography, topography, building or science.**

3. If the application is filed as joint work, who is entitled to the right of ownership?

Yes, if more than one party has contributed to the compilation of a joint work, all of them are considered to have an equal right over the work, and no one of them can exercise the author's rights to that work alone, unless written agreement exists to the contrary.

4. What is the term of protection of a copyright in Bahrain?

In general, the duration is the artist's life, with the addition of 70 years starting from the date of the artist's passing.

5. Are the rights derived from copyright registration assignable?

YES.

6. Is it necessary for transfer and license agreements to be recorded?

YES.

7. Does the law provide sanctions against the infringers?

Yes, imprisonment and fine.